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TO : Deputy Executive

DATE: 24 February 1950

FROM : General Counsel

SUBJECT: Delegations of Authority -
Personal Services***OGC Has Reviewed***25X1A
25X6

1. The attached memorandum is the result of discussions arising out of the delegations to [REDACTED] for the OSI mission [REDACTED]. These delegations, signed by you as Acting Executive, included authority to hire consultants and experts and certain other local persons.

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2. As you will re-call, the authority to appoint employees may be delegated by the head of a department, but may not be re-delegated and our normal delegations are worded accordingly. [REDACTED] in the attached memorandum, makes the somewhat ingenious argument that it was not intended to give [REDACTED] 25X1A appointment power, but merely power to contract for personal services. This is a somewhat narrow distinction but technically valid as any contracting offer may contract for personal services in appropriate circumstances. If, however, this were the true intent, we should have made sure that it was clearly set forth in the written delegations.

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3. In view of the circumstances, probably a memorandum of instructions to [REDACTED] would be in order. In any case, it is a point to keep in mind in the future. If true appointment power is contemplated, it can only be authorized by the Director.

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[REDACTED]
LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

Attachment:

Memo for files fr [REDACTED]
dated 10 Feb 1950

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*See delegation of authority
(signatures)***SECRET**